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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TETSUYOSHI ISHIWATA et al.) : Examiner: David Nikodem
Application No.: (Continuation-)) : Group Art Unit: 1633
in-part of Appln. No.)
09/090,672 filed June 4, 1998)
Filed: Currently herewith)
For: IgA NEPHROPATHY-RELATED)
GENES : December 5, 2000

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 13 and 15 as follows:

Q 13. (Amended) A method for producing [the] a
protein [according to claim 9] comprising an amino acid